







# Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan Revision Supplement ALTERNATIVE P

## Theme

The theme of this alternative is to enhance the balanced use of resources of the forest and provide a public timber supply to maintain the Southeast Alaska timber industry. Many of the most important wildlife habitats, recreation and subsistence opportunities and scenic values will be maintained in a natural setting. Minerals development is encouraged in selected areas. Resources that will contribute to the local and regional economies of Southeast Alaska are emphasized. This is the Forest Service's preferred alternative.

## Legend

### Direction Common to All Land Use Designations

All land use designations provide for the conservation of resources and the maintenance of a sustainable timber supply. The appropriate use of snowmachines, motorboats, and other means of traditional surface transportation by rural residents. With the exception of Wild Rivers and Research Natural Areas, all land use designations are open to mineral exploration and development unless previously withdrawn.

Wilderness National Monuments	Acres Allocated
WW - Wilderness: Manage for the preservation of areas essentially unaffected by human use to provide outstanding opportunities for solitude, primitive recreation, and scientific and educational uses. Roads are not permitted and use of mechanical transport and motorized equipment is limited.	2,672,603 <sup>1</sup>
WM - Wilderness National Monuments: Manage the Wilderness portions of Admiralty Island and Misty Fjords National Monuments that provide outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation and to protect objects of scientific, cultural, geological, historical, prehistoric, and scientific interest. Roads are not permitted and use of mechanical transport and motorized equipment is limited.	3,050,048 <sup>1</sup>
NM - Nonwilderness National Monuments: Manage the nonwilderness portions of Admiralty Island and Misty Fjords National Monuments to facilitate development of significant mineral resources, and to assure that mining activities are compatible, to the maximum extent feasible, with the purposes for which the Monuments were established.	159,372

### Natural Setting

RA - Research Natural Area: Manage areas for research and education and/or to maintain natural diversity on scheduled.	97,777 <sup>1</sup>
SA - Special Interest Area: Provide for the protection and interpretation of selected areas with unique archeological, historical, recreational, scenic, geological, historical, biological, or prehistoric features. No timber harvest is scheduled. Roads will not be permitted unless compatible with management objectives.	123,912 <sup>1</sup>
OA - Other Area: Emphasize stewardship and protection of lands for which there is no other specific land use emphasis. Timber harvest patterns shall not occur and roads are normally present only when necessary to access adjacent land use designations.	133,806
PR - Primitive Recreation: Provide for recreation opportunities and experiences outside Wilderness in unmodified natural environments where recreation with other visitors is infrequent, and the opportunity for solitude and wilderness to nature is high. Timber harvesting is limited to insect and disease control. Roads are absent.	2,847,534
MW - Enacted Municipal Watersheds: Manage watershed municipal watersheds to meet State Water Quality standards for domestic use. No timber harvesting will be scheduled, but entered and diseased timber may be removed under conditions which safeguard the quantity and quality of water. Roads are limited to those needed to administer the municipal watersheds.	9,773
OG - Old Growth Habitat: Maintain old growth habitat in its natural condition to favor old growth associated fish and wildlife habitat. No timber harvesting will be scheduled and roads will be located outside the area when possible.	246,785
SP - Semi-primitive Recreation: Provide motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities in natural and natural adjacent environments where recreation with other visitors is frequent, and the opportunity for solitude and wilderness is moderate to high. When present, roads are low and used primarily to expand and improve access to recreation opportunities or to permit access to other parts of the Forest and other designations. Timber harvest is limited to salvage of catastrophic events or beach log recovery.	1,265,060
LUD - Land Use Designation II: Manage these Congressionally designated areas in a reasonable state to retain the wilderness character. Wildlife and fish habitat improvement and primitive recreational facility development is permitted. Timber harvesting is limited to insect and disease control. Roads will not be built except to serve mining and other authorized activities and state Forest transportation system designations. Timber harvest is limited to salvage of catastrophic events or beach log recovery.	727,765 <sup>1</sup>
WSR - Wild, Scenic, or Recreation Rivers: Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified a Wild, Scenic or Recreation River. No differentiation has been made on the map between Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers. See designations of these designations below.	103,309 <sup>1</sup>

### Moderate Development

EF - Experimental Forests: Manage to provide a variety of long-term opportunities for forest research and demonstration uses. Timber harvesting will occur only for these purposes. Roads may be developed to facilitate ongoing research.	10,812
SV - Scenic Viewshed: Management activities are not visually apparent to the casual observer in the near distance from important and scenic travel routes, recreation sites, or popular bays and anchorages. In the middle to background distances, activities are subordinate to the landscape character of the area. Timber harvest is allowed.	909,294
ML - Modified Landscape: Manage for a variety of uses. Management activities are subordinate to the visual character as seen in the near distance. In the middle to background, activities may dominate but are designed to be compatible with values found in the characteristic landscape. Timber harvest is allowed.	1,299,542

### Intensive Development

TM - Timber Production: Manage the area to maintain and promote industrial wood production. These lands will be managed to advance conditions favorable for the timber resource and for maximum long-term timber production. Roads are permitted.	2,460,327 <sup>1</sup>
MM - Minerals: Encourage the exploration and development of mineral resources in areas having high potential for mineral resources including nationally designated strategic and critical minerals. Unit mineral activities are related, the area will be managed according to the land use designation indicated.	168,500 <sup>1</sup>

### Not Identified Due to Scale

BF - Beach Fringe and Estuary: Manage for natural beach fringe and estuary habitats, including winderm old-growth conifer stands, and wetlands above the near high tide line. Timber harvesting is limited to catastrophic events and unregulated management if it encourages development of old growth habitat characteristics. Roads associated with log transfer facilities or recreation may be located within the area.	302,278
SL - Stream and Lake Protection: Maintain or enhance fish and other riparian associated resources. Roads will be located outside the area to the extent practicable.	550,179 <sup>1</sup>
WR - Wild Rivers: Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified a Wild River. Shorelines are primitive and undeveloped. Timber harvesting is limited to insect and disease control. Roads are generally not present. Access is by trail, airplane or boat.	109,822 <sup>1</sup>
SR - Scenic Rivers: Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified a Scenic River. Shorelines are largely undeveloped but may be accessible in places by roads to the extent practicable. Roads are generally not present. Access is by trail, airplane or boat.	249 miles
RR - Recreation Rivers: Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified a Recreation River. Shoreline development may occur and the river may be readily accessible by road. Timber harvesting is allowed with priority to maintain existing recreation sites and protect proposed sites. Roads are permitted.	72 miles
TUS - Transportation and Utility Systems: Emphasize existing and potential major public transportation and utility systems. Unit transportation or utility systems are constructed, the area will be managed according to the land use designation indicated.	85 miles

### Other

Suitable and Available Timber: The portion of Forested land in Scenic Viewshed, Modified Landscape, and Timber Production being considered for timber harvesting in the alternative.	
Non-Forest Forest:	
Alaska Marine Highway System	

NOTE: For a detailed description of the management prescription for each land use designation, see the Proposed Revised Forest Plan.

Where multiple land use designations are assigned to the same area of land, the most restrictive standards and guidelines within the land use designations take precedence, subject to requirements of law.

Wilderness National Monuments: There are 79,301 acres of Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers; and 47,619 acres of Research Natural Areas.

<sup>1</sup> An additional 11,078 acres of Research Natural Area are found in Land Use Designation II: 47,619 acres in Wilderness National Monuments; and 43,237 acres in Wilderness.

<sup>2</sup> An additional 19,323 acres of Special Interest Area are found in Wilderness National Monuments.

<sup>3</sup> Within Land Use Designation II there are 25,121 acres of Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers; and 11,078 acres of Research Natural Area.

<sup>4</sup> An additional 25,121 acres of Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers are found in Land Use Designation II: 79,301 acres in Wilderness National Monuments; and 25,170 acres in Wilderness.

<sup>5</sup> Mineral acres are not included in the Forest-wide total, which is 16,997,254.

<sup>6</sup> An additional 28,470 acres of Stream and Lake Protection are found in Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers.

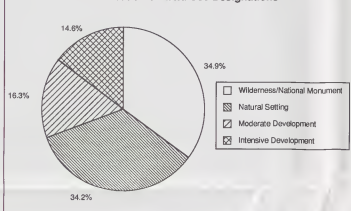
<sup>7</sup> See Long-Term Sale Contract Boundaries, Timber Sale Schedule, and Transportation and Utility System map for specific locations.

<sup>8</sup> Acres of timber scheduled for harvest.

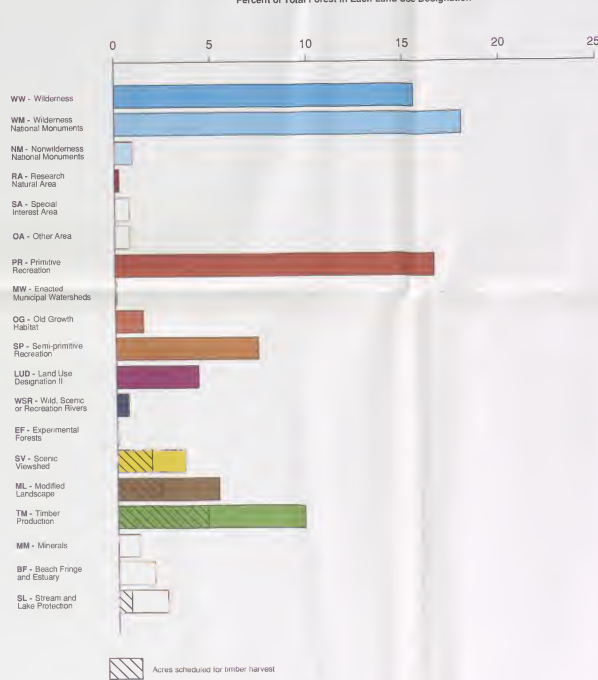
## VICINITY MAP



Distribution of Land Use Designations



Percent of Total Forest in Each Land Use Designation



Acres scheduled for timber harvest



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